



WJB Team Selection Principles

The Wantirna Jetbacks Junior Basketball Club (WJB) has the following policy and guidelines in relation to team selection and player grading within the club. The policy and guidelines are based on the following club principles and should be used as a guide only.

- In reference to all age groups, all previously registered WJB players and new players will have two weeks to register for the new season. All registered players will go into their respective age pools and grading will ascertain their placement. Grading will be carried out using the following points of this document.
- Within a competitive age group, WJB encourages players of similar skill to be grouped within a team. The desired outcome is to improve individual player performance. It will also offer advanced players the opportunity to participate at the highest level. Conversely, a player with skills that have not developed as quickly as others, are encouraged to participate with others of similar ability in a corresponding grade at that age level. This commitment is contingent on the capacity of team numbers, coaching staff and player numbers.
- Registration for all age levels will have no player number limitations, as all players will be pooled and relevant teams will be selected as per this document. If there are players in excess, they will be given enough time to clear if required to another club.
- Players will be selected and placed into a team that best suits their ability, skill level, work ethic, willingness to learn and develop and work to team rules. This is based upon, Coaches Feedback, Independent assessments, Discussions with Age Co-ordinators, and based on the mix of the teams.
- There is no maximum number of teams allocated to each age group, this is based upon numbers registering within each age group. Preference is given to existing WJB players over new players.
- Where a large number of players and teams within an age group have registered, a tryout process may be organised to assist with final team placements. This will only occur where a large number of new players have registered, or where the existing coaches feedback is not available for input or discussion for team selection.
- After undergoing the assessment program, any player placed in a team that he/she does not feel comfortable with can request placement elsewhere. Each case will be assessed on an individual basis. A decision will then be made as to the best place for the player.
- In regards to playing in the correct age group, players in teams may play up 1 season early in special circumstances. A special request must be made and will be assessed by the appropriate age co-ordinators. If their physical attributes are impacting their confidence they will be instructed to play in



their appropriate age level. They will only be permitted to play in a higher age group if their skill and physical maturity allow and there is no detriment to the teams in the natural age group.

- Where a player requests to move up an age group 2 seasons or more early, the committee will have to consider such a request. Basis for such a request will consider team numbers, physical attributes of the player requesting, and any other special circumstances.
- Coach's player assessments are required to be completed at season's end at all age groups. This will help when grading at the next age level and fast track any new coaches on deficiencies or attributes of his incoming player group. **A separate coach's skill assessment document has been created for ease of assessment. This document must be used to help with transition of players through the age groups. The document is called COACHES PLAYER ASSESSMENT.DOC**
- For all age groups moving to the next age level, player placement will be guided using the above mentioned document. This document, inconjunction with independent assessments and discussion with coaches will help form decisions for player placement.
- Where possible, in U8's and U10's, teams will be selected primarily on skill, particularly in the top team. Considerations will be given to other factors such as social fit in relation to friends, schools or training night convenience, as long as this is not detrimental to both the team and the player.
- Parents and players will be advised by the new seasons coach of the team and grade they have been placed into.
- Late registrations – where players register after team selection has been completed, they will be entered into a team where a suitable spot is available, this may mean the player will be entered into a team in a grade lower than their normal level. They also run the risk of not getting a place at all.
- **CODE OF CONDUCT: WJB expect all players and parents to adhere to the Player and Parent Code of Conduct as defined by KBI and Basketball Victoria.**